free** said our visitor next, and watched the effect of his message on me. I» however, found myself in a very false and doubtful position, that is to say, if I accepted such a verbal order dictated to myself alone, and went away leaving the asylum for good, how were the asylum people to know that 1 did so, only under orders received from the very Supreme Head of the State? They would indeed get alarmed at my sudden disappearance, and set the whole of the Government vigilance machinery astir and running after me, till they brought me back from wherever I might be. A scandal and a disaster worse than this could not be imagined, and I had better be careful, I thought, and made answer saying **I am indeed very glad to hear such news, but there is a form for everything and in accordance with that, it does not seem quite enough to pass a verbal order only, and even that to myself alone and to no one else. A written order becomes necessary, —it looks quite plain, before it could be

carried into action/* To this he exclaimed, "What, a verbal order will not do? My word is law."
'However that may be/ I said, **there is a